

**RESOLUTION
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles has reviewed the matter of an amendment to Title 22 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Angeles County Code to modify the development standards and permitting procedures for wineries and tasting rooms.

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. On October 7, 2008, the Board of Supervisors directed the Director of Planning to modify standards and procedures pertaining to wineries, and present the ordinance to the Regional Planning Commission for a public hearing within 90 days.
2. The resulting Wineries and Tasting Rooms Ordinance, presented as Project 2009-0022-(1-5), is a series of modifications to standards and procedures for wineries and tasting rooms which are consistent with the directives of both the Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County General Plan.
3. The Wineries and Tasting Rooms Ordinance is supportive of agriculture, in consistency with the directives of Policies 21 and 22 of the Land Use Element of the General Plan, by easing the overall burden of expenses on small agricultural producers and simplifying the winery application process.
4. The Wineries and Tasting Rooms Ordinance is a revision of regulations on wineries that takes the aim of minimizing costs, delays and uncertainty by streamlining and clarifying the procedures and standards for wineries and tasting rooms in accordance with Policies 13 and 14, of the Economic Development Element of the General Plan
5. In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study was prepared for the project that demonstrates that this regulatory action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, Department of Regional Planning staff has prepared a related Negative Declaration for this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Planning Commission recommends that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

1. Hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendment to Title 22 to modify standards and procedures pertaining to wineries.

2. Certify completion of and approve the attached Negative Declaration and find that the amendment to Title 22 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Angeles County Code will not have a significant effect on the environment; and
3. Adopt the attached ordinance amending Title 22 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Angeles County Code and determine that it is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on March 25, 2009

By _____

Rosie O. Ruiz, Secretary
Regional Planning Commission
County of Los Angeles

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